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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 494
By Davidson

A RESOLUTION To commend Elizabeth Ann Johnstone for extraordinary service as a legislative intern for Chief Clerk Burney Durham and the House Clerk's Office.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that each legislative session, this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth (Libby) Ann Johnstone is one such person who has dedicated herself to the role of intern for Chief Clerk Burney Durham and the Assistant Chief Clerk Eddie Davidson; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has excelled in her role as intern, far exceeding the expectations set for her by her employers; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has shown her interest in the political process through in-depth naps and long walks through the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, Through her journeys in and around the Nashville area, Elizabeth has learned to see government in Tennessee through a "hands-off" and "restful" perspective; and

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth has demonstrated her vast intelligence by diligently working the Tennessean's crossword puzzle each and every day without exception; and

WHEREAS, Through her diligence, Elizabeth has mastered the ancient art of karaoke; a talent she does not flaunt, but merely carries with her with supreme ease; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has the distinction of being the only person over three feet tall to ever be escorted out of Lonnie's Western Room; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth overcame many prejudices, and more importantly, Tennessee and Federal Law, to once again enter and manage to stay in Lonnie's Western Room for more than half an hour without being asked to leave; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has persevered through her numerous laptop glitches and is no longer a "plague" to any and all electronic equipment; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has spent many hours learning the proper title for her duties; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has shown an obvious talent for fiction writing as it pertains to her professional resume'; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has learned many life lessons from her co-intern, Allison, and the rest of the House Clerk staff; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth is a junior at the esteemed University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she is pursuing a rigorous course of study in Political Science and Religious Studies; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has fully enjoyed her college experience through her participation in the University of Tennessee Concert and Marching Bands, the Tennessee Baseball Hostess Program, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, and numerous other activities; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth's academic achievements have recently been recognized by the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, the Golden Key Honor Society, and by being named the Edward Guenther Memorial Scholar for studies in urban politics; and

WHEREAS, After graduation from the University of Tennessee, Elizabeth plans to attend law school and pursue a career as an attorney; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth is the daughter of proud parents, Frank and Janet Johnstone, and is the sister of Mary and Robert; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has taken full advantage of her internship and has come to appreciate the complexities of Tennessee state government; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Elizabeth Ann Johnstone for outstanding service as a House Clerk intern and extend to her our best wishes on all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.